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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for an initial period of six months as from 24 March 2005, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1663 (2006) of 24 March 2006,

Recalling also its resolutions 59/292 of 21 April 2005 and 60/122 of 8 December 2005 on the financing of the Mission,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 59/296 of 22 June 2005 and resolution 60/__ of _____, as well as other relevant resolutions;

[1] A/60/190.
[2] A/60/428.

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2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan as at 30 March 2006, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 52.9 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Welcomes* the use of the installation in Entebbe, Uganda, to enhance the efficiency and responsiveness of its logistical support operations for peacekeeping missions in the region;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Reaffirms* its resolution 59/296, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of its relevant provisions and the relevant provisions of its resolution 60/___;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with the maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Welcomes* the effort of the Mission in developing the unified mission concept, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to improve this concept;

14. *Notes with appreciation* the strong coordination between the United Nations Mission in the Sudan and the United Nations country team, and requests the Secretary-General to share the Mission's experiences and lessons learned with other

complex peacekeeping missions with a view to increasing their coordination and reducing potential duplication of activities with other entities, and to report thereon to its sixty-first session in the context of the overview report of the Secretary-General on progress made in this regard;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue providing the latest available information on specific management efficiencies achieved as well as future plans in this regard in the unified area-based and decentralized organizational structure of the Mission in context of the next budget submission;

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission implementation plan and results-based budgeting are integrated and to report on progress made to the General Assembly in the context of the next budget submission of the Mission;

17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to intensify his ongoing efforts, including through innovative approaches, to ensure the expeditious filling of all vacant posts;

19. *Decides* to establish a Planning Officer post (at the P-4 level) in the Strategic Planning Unit;

20. *Stresses* the crucial role of demining for the speedy and successful implementation of the Mission's mandate, and welcomes the intention of the Mission to ensure successful implementation of this activity through collaboration and coordination with the relevant partners in the field;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to enhance coordination and provision of technical advice and operational demining in support of the full deployment of the Mission, in accordance with relevant mandates, and to report thereon in context of the proposed budget 2008-2009;

22. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide clear information on the budget provision for mine detection and clearing services, including staffing and operational costs in the Mission's next budget submission;

23. *Welcomes* the increasing use of the inland waterway;

24. *Notes* the considerable reliance on air assets for transportation, and, bearing in mind the expected lifetime of the Mission, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission also effectively utilizes and, where possible, increases the available road, rail and inland waterway transport modes where they are reliable, cost-effective and safer than air transportation, and also requests the Secretary-General to report on the experience of the Mission in this area and to indicate the actual and expected efficiencies resulting from the use of such modes of transportation as well as a long-term strategy in this regard;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to increase the Mission's utilization of information and communication technology tools wherever it is possible and creates efficiencies and to report back on their utilization at its sixty-second session in the context of its budget submission;

26. *Looks forward* to the consideration of the comprehensive report requested as contained in paragraph __ of resolution 60/__;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that quick impact projects are implemented in compliance with the original intent of such projects and relevant General Assembly resolutions;

28. *Decides* to approve the resources requested for quick impact projects in section IV of the proposed budget for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[3]

29. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the fullest implementation of the quick impact projects in 2006/07 in the light of the Mission's capacity to undertake these activities;

30. *Reaffirms* the provision of its resolution 59/296 on disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, and requests the Secretary-General to utilize the proposed resources in accordance with the provisions of that resolution;

31. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget submissions include clear information regarding mandated disarmament, demobilization and reintegration activities, including clear justification for post and non-post resource requirements and their projected impact on the effective delivery of Mission objectives in this field as well as information on the collaboration with all relevant United Nations entities present in the field and acting in this area;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

32. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

33. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan the amount of _____ dollars for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, inclusive of 1,079,534,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi;

Financing of the appropriation

34. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of ___ dollars for the period from 1 July to 24 September 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessment for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

35. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 34 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of _____ dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 4,726,300 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated

[3] A/60/868.

[4] A/60/626.

share of _____ dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of _____ dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

36. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of _____ dollars for the period from 25 September 2006 to 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 58/256 and taking into account the scale of assessment for 2006 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B, and for 2007,[5] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

37. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 36 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of _____dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 15,529,400 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of _____ dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of _____ dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

38. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 34 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 2,804,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 58/256, taking into account the scale of assessment for 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

39. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations of the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 2,804,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 38 above;

40. *Decides also* that the net increase of 455,200 dollars in the staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, representing the difference between the additional staff assessment income of 678,100 dollars previously approved under the terms of its resolution 60/122 for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and the decrease in the staff assessment income of 222,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2005, shall be added to the credits from the amount of 2,804,000 dollars referred to in paragraphs 38 and 39 above;

41. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

42. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

43. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General to be administered, as

[5] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

44. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan".